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## **Library to highlight history during National Library Week**

National Library Week will be celebrated in style with guest speakers and special children's programming the week of April 10. All programs are free and open to the public.

Dr. David Moore of Warren Wilson College will share how he and colleagues have identified Joara (Ft. San Juan) through the 16<sup>th</sup>-century Spanish artifacts unearthed at the site near Morganton. His 25 years of research indicate the first permanent European settlement in the interior of North America.

Moore will appear at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, at Main Library in Newton and again at 7 p.m. April 12 at Sherrills Ford Branch Library. These programs are offered compliments of Friends of Catawba County Library and Sherrills Ford Friends of the Library respectively.

A Victorian Party will be held for school-aged children at 4 p.m. Monday, April 11 in Newton. "Sister Sarah and Sister Harriet," costumed ladies from 1861, will serve lemonade and discuss the coming War Between the States, which began 150 years ago on April 12, 1861.

Final events of the Civil War will be the topic of an author visit at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 12. Chris J. Hartley will discuss his book *Stoneman's Raid 1865*, covering events in Western North Carolina. Books will be available for sale and signing.

The history emphasis supports the library mission of serving as the county's memory bank. The Rhodes Local History Room offers resources in family and other history topics. The facility is located at the Main Library in Newton and open 9-6 Tuesday through Saturday.

All library visitors may sign up to win a free journal that week. In keeping with the National Library Week theme, "Create Your Own Story @ Your Library," lucky winners may write their own stories. One journal will be awarded at each library branch on Saturday, April 16.

Other activities planned that week include:

--Author visit with Craig Schultz, 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 12. The local pastor will read from his novel, *The Seventh Deadly Cruise*. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Bringing Books to You, elementary-age story time, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12 at Southwest. Children will hear stories of how early librarians delivered books to people who could not get to the library.

--Book drawing, 3:30 p.m. April 13 at St. Stephens. A lucky child who has read Civil War books from the "We the People" book shelf will be eligible to win a free book.

--Rock "Egg" Painting with Wendy White, ages 12-18, 4 pm. Thursday, April 14, at Sheriills Ford. Participants will create special Easter eggs and other seasonal items by painting small rocks with acrylics. Please pre-register by calling 478-2729.

National Library Week is an observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries—school, public, academic and special—participate.



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